

Amendment to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application. Claims 11-14 and 30 have been canceled. No claims have been added.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. **(Currently Amended)** A videoconferencing system comprising:  
a conference bridge for interconnecting a plurality of remotely located videoconferencing stations; and  
a speaker identification subsystem connected to the conference bridge to recognize a conferee's lips within the image of the conferee and to determine whether a conferee is speaking based, at least in part, on distinguishing **a the** conferee's lips and lip movements from other image features in a digital video signal from a conference station at which the conferee is located and determining whether the lip movements are reasonably consistent with an audio signal from the conference station, the subsystem also to determine which of a plurality of conferees is speaking the loudest when multiple conferees are speaking simultaneously from different conference stations, the subsystem further to conserve network bandwidth.

6. (Previously Presented) The videoconference system of claim 5 wherein the speaker identification subsystem comprises a voice activity detector.

7-8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) The videoconference system of claim 6 wherein said voice activity detector includes image analysis and recognition software.

10. (Previously Presented) The videoconference system of claim 29 wherein said means for visually altering said image comprises means for highlighting a border around said image of said conferee determined to be the loudest speaker.

11-28. (Canceled)

29. (Previously Presented) The videoconferencing system of claim 5, further comprising:

means for visually altering an image of said conferee displayed in other conference stations if said conferee is determined to be the loudest speaker of the plurality of conferees.

30-34. (Canceled)